

WHEREAS; investing in, protecting, and supporting women’s health and ensuring that every woman has access to quality healthcare must be a top priority; and

WHEREAS; this week celebrates women’s health and brings awareness to women’s health issues, serving as a yearly reminder for women to prioritize their mental and physical health; and

WHEREAS; while each woman has their own unique health needs, certain issues predominantly affect women’s health, including breast cancer, ovarian cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer’s disease, and reproductive and maternal health issues; and

WHEREAS; institutionalized racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, bias, and discrimination in healthcare settings create barriers that disproportionately obstruct women and their health; and

WHEREAS; the past few years have only underscored underlying health and social inequalities that disproportionately affect health outcomes for women of color, in particular, in the state and across the country; and

WHEREAS: the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* that overturned *Roe v. Wade* further complicated Wisconsin women’s ability to have their reproductive and maternal healthcare needs met in the state, putting women’s health and ultimately their lives at risk and underscoring the challenges women face in receiving care; and

WHEREAS; the health and prosperity of Wisconsin depends on the health and prosperity of women, and all women are encouraged to take steps towards living their healthiest lives by staying active, eating well, caring for their mental health, and engaging in regular medical check-ups and preventative screenings; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin raises awareness of women’s health issues, working to increase access to quality healthcare for all women and eliminating existing disparities, and supporting the health and well-being of every woman in Wisconsin;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 14 through 20 2023 as

## **NATIONAL WOMEN’S HEALTH WEEK**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state’s residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State